

House Amendment 8178

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1 1 Amend House File 2527 as follows:
1 2 #1. Page 10, by inserting after line 35 the
1 3 following:
1 4 <____. PRESCHOOL FOR FOUR=YEAR=OLD CHILDREN PROGRAM
1 5 For allocation to eligible school districts for a
1 6 four=year=old preschool program:
1 7 \$ 15,000,000
1 8 a. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED == ADMINISTRATION. A
1 9 preschool for four=year=old children program is
1 10 established under the supervision of the department of
1 11 education. From the moneys appropriated pursuant to
1 12 this section, not more than \$281,250 shall be used by
1 13 the department for administration of the program.
1 14 b. PURPOSE. The purpose of the preschool for
1 15 four=year=old children program shall be to provide an
1 16 opportunity for all young children in the state to
1 17 enter school ready to learn by expanding voluntary
1 18 access to quality preschool curricula for all children
1 19 who are four years old in order to increase the
1 20 statewide percentage of four=year=olds who have access
1 21 to such curricula.
1 22 c. ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.
1 23 (1) A child who is a resident of Iowa and is four
1 24 years of age by September 15 of a school year shall be
1 25 eligible to enroll in the preschool program. If space
1 26 and funding are available, a school district approved
1 27 to participate in the program may enroll a younger
1 28 child in the program; however, the child shall not be
1 29 counted for state funding purposes.
1 30 (2) An eligible child who is enrolled in a child
1 31 care center licensed under chapter 237A or in an
1 32 existing public or private preschool or
1 33 prekindergarten program located within the boundaries
1 34 of the school district is also eligible to receive
1 35 services through the preschool program.
1 36 (3) An eligible child who is receiving care from a
1 37 child care home that is not registered under chapter
1 38 237A, from a child development home that is registered
1 39 under chapter 237A, or from another care provider that
1 40 is not subject to regulation under chapter 237A, shall
1 41 receive preschool program services through a child
1 42 care center licensed under chapter 237A or through a
1 43 preschool that is authorized by departmental rule to
1 44 provide preschool program services.
1 45 d. TEACHER REQUIREMENTS.
1 46 (1) An individual serving as a teacher in the
1 47 preschool for four=year=old children program shall be
1 48 appropriately licensed under chapter 272, meet
1 49 requirements under chapter 284, and be employed by the
1 50 school district implementing the program.
2 1 (2) A teacher in the preschool for four=year=old
2 2 children program shall collaborate with other
2 3 agencies, organizations, and boards in the community
2 4 to further the program's capacity to meet the diverse
2 5 needs of students and student families, such as early
2 6 care, health, and human services. In addition, a
2 7 teacher in the program shall work to maintain
2 8 relationships with each student's family in order to
2 9 enhance the student's development in all settings by
2 10 collaborating with providers of parent education and
2 11 parent involvement opportunities.
2 12 e. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. The state board shall
2 13 adopt rules to further define the following preschool
2 14 for four=year=old children program requirements:
2 15 (1) Maximum and minimum teacher=to=child ratios
2 16 and class sizes shall be identified.
2 17 (2) A school district shall incorporate applicable
2 18 state and federal program standards.
2 19 (3) A school district shall incorporate student
2 20 learning standards.
2 21 (4) A school district shall provide for the
2 22 integration of children from other state and federally
2 23 funded preschools.
2 24 (5) A school district shall collaborate with

2 25 participating families, early care providers, and
2 26 community partners including but not limited to
2 27 community empowerment area boards, head start
2 28 programs, shared visions and other programs provided
2 29 under the auspices of the child development
2 30 coordinating council, licensed child care centers,
2 31 area education agencies, child care resource and
2 32 referral services provided under section 237A.26,
2 33 early childhood special education programs, services
2 34 funded by Title I of the federal Elementary and
2 35 Secondary Education Act of 1965, and family support
2 36 programs in accordance with the rules adopted by the
2 37 state board.

2 38 (6) A school district shall provide for parental
2 39 involvement in the preschool for four-year-old
2 40 children program.

2 41 f. SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS. The state board
2 42 shall adopt rules to further define the following
2 43 requirements of school districts implementing the
2 44 preschool for four-year-old children program:

2 45 (1) Methods of demonstrating community readiness
2 46 to implement high-quality programming in a local
2 47 program shall be identified. The methods may include
2 48 but are not limited to a school district providing
2 49 evidence of a public hearing on the proposed
2 50 programming and written documentation of collaboration
3 1 agreements between the school district, existing
3 2 community providers, and other community stakeholders
3 3 addressing operational procedures and other critical
3 4 measures.

3 5 (2) A school district shall provide transportation
3 6 of students enrolled in the preschool program as
3 7 required for prekindergarten programs in section
3 8 285.1.

3 9 (3) Subject to implementation of agreements
3 10 between a school district and community-based
3 11 providers of services to four-year-old children
3 12 residing in the school district, a four-year-old child
3 13 residing in a school district who is enrolled in a
3 14 child care center licensed under chapter 237A or in an
3 15 existing public or private preschool program shall be
3 16 eligible for services provided by the school
3 17 district's preschool program.

3 18 (4) A school district shall participate in data
3 19 collection or performance measurement processes and
3 20 reporting as defined by rule.

3 21 (5) Career development for school district
3 22 preschool teachers shall be addressed in the school
3 23 district's career development plan implemented in
3 24 accordance with section 284.6.

3 25 g. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

3 26 (1) The department shall implement an application
3 27 and selection process for school district
3 28 participation in the preschool for four-year-old
3 29 children program.

3 30 (2) The department shall track the progress of
3 31 students served by a school district preschool for
3 32 four-year-old children program and the students'
3 33 performance in elementary and secondary education.

3 34 (3) The department shall implement procedures to
3 35 monitor the quality of the programming provided under
3 36 the preschool for four-year-old children program.>

3 37 #2. By renumbering as necessary.

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